

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A method in the computer system for correlating a subset of attributes to one or more payloads, the method comprising:

obtaining a request for payload corresponding to a subset of client attributes;

obtaining one or more payloads, wherein each payload defines a condition statement for delivering the payload;

correlating the condition statement into a catalog, wherein the catalog includes an attribute list, an evaluator list, a value list and a payload list;

traversing the catalog to determine one or more payloads corresponding to the subset of client attributes; and

returning the one or more payloads.

2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the step of correlating the condition statement into a catalog includes:

generating an expression tree corresponding to the condition statement;

mapping the expression tree into an evaluation tree; and

mapping the evaluation tree into the catalog.

3. The method as recited in Claim 2 further comprising optimizing the expression tree prior to mapping the expression tree into an evaluation tree.

4. The method as recited in Claim 3, wherein the step of optimizing the expression tree includes:

organizing the expression tree such that an attribute evaluator value expression is a leaf node and a connector is a tree node;

scoring any tree nodes, wherein a disjunctive tree node score equals the sum of its subtree, wherein a conjunctive tree node score equals the product of its subtree, and wherein each leaf node score equals one; and

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placing a lowest scoring leaf node as a topmost node of the evaluation tree;

placing conjunctive operations as right tree nodes;

traversing the expression tree until each leaf node within the expression

storing a first attribute in the attribute list;

storing one or more evaluators corresponding to the first attribute

storing one or more values corresponding to each of the first

if any conjunctions exist, storing one or more identifiers of

if any payloads exist, storing one or more payloads corresponding

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9. The method as recited in Claim 6 further comprising repeating the steps of storing data in the attribute list, the evaluator list, the conjunction list, and the value list for attribute evaluator value pairs identified the first attribute conjunction list, wherein the step of storing data in an attribute list is done on a separate catalog data structure.

10. The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the attribute list is a master attribute list having a size less than all the possible attributes.

11. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein the step traversing the catalog to determine one or more payloads corresponding to the subset of client attributes includes:

- obtaining a first attribute from the subset of client attributes;
- if the first attribute is found in the attribute list, obtaining an evaluator from the evaluator list and a value from the value list, wherein the evaluator and value form an evaluator/value set;
- if the first attribute satisfies the evaluator/value set, determining whether a conjunction and a payload exist;
- if a conjunction exists, repeating the steps with a corresponding attribute identified in the conjunction; and
- if a payload exists, adding the payload to a master payload list.

12. The method as recited in Claim 11 further comprising repeating the steps until the last evaluator in the first attribute evaluation list is examined.

13. The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the repeating step is done on a separate catalog data structure.

14. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the payload set is advertisement media and wherein the client attributes are client profile data attributes.

15. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in any one of Claims 1-14.

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16. A computer system having a processor, a memory, and an operating

17. A method in a computer system for correlating a payload with a subset of

generating an expression tree having multiple levels corresponding to the

mapping the expression tree into an evaluation tree; and

correlating the expression tree into the catalog.

18. The method as recited in Claim 17 further comprising optimizing the

19. The method as recited in Claim 18, wherein the step of optimizing the

organizing the expression tree such that each attribute expression is a leaf

scoring the expression tree, wherein each disjunctive tree node score

for each level of the expression tree, organizing nodes such that a right-

20. The method as recited in Claim 17, wherein the step of mapping the

placing a lowest scoring leaf node as the topmost node of the valuation

placing conjunctive operations as right tree nodes;

placing disjunctive operations as left tree nodes; and

traversing the expression tree mapped into the evaluation tree.

21. The method as recited in Claim 17, wherein the step of correlating the

if any payloads exist, storing one or more payloads corresponding to the first attribute.

a conjunction module dynamically linked to the value module and containing conjunction sets corresponding to each value in the value module, wherein the conjunction list may be empty.

28. A communication medium embodying the computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 25.